

The Oconee County Library Board met Thursday, February 12, 1976, at 9:30 a.m. at the new library. Mrs. J.S. Ivy, Jr., chairman, presided and welcomed all present to the first meeting ever held in the new library. She announced that the final inspection of the building had been held on February 11 at 2:00 p.m. and that the Library Board will formally accept the building on February 15, 1976.

The chair announced that Emma P. Ivy had been appointed chairman of a special committee on the development of the Georgia collection. Mrs. Ivy, Sr. has donated \$1,000.000 to begin a genealogy collection and she spoke to the Board about her plans for the collection. Her plans were approved by the Board.

Resolutions on the deaths of Board members Mrs. R.R. Harris and Mrs. A.R. Saxon were adopted by the Board.

The chair announced that this was the annual meeting and opened the floor for nominations for the officers of the Board. Mildred Rice was nominated to serve as secretary to succeed Mrs. Saxon. Mrs. Rice was duly elected. There were no nominations for the other offices so the 1975 officers were re-elected for another year.

There was a discussion about possible nominees for the two unexpired terms and one full term. Mrs. Ivy, Jr. was instructed to nominate Gwen Hansford, Virginia Wells, and Faye Grayson.

It was reported that the sale at Butler's Store earned \$412.00 for the library.

Miles Sheffer's report on the status of the building was read.

The schedule for the opening of the library was discussed. We hope to open for business with a ribbon-cutting in April and to have an Open House-Dedication on May 23, 1976.

It was announced that the Friends of the Library organization was being formed. It was decided that a plaque would be purchased to honor those who gave \$1,000 or more to the Library Building Fund.

The new Constitution and By-laws were adopted as submitted by the Committee.

There was a discussion as to how to raise the remaining funds needed. The landscaping and paving are two items still to be done.

The rules, regulations and hours of the new library were discussed and the Board asked the Library Director, Miss Manet, to draw up her recommendations.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

# Oconee County Library Board

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February 12, 1976

BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Oconee County Library Board:

That in the passing of Mrs. A. R. Saxon and Mrs. R. R. Harris, who have served this county for many years as Library Board members, the Board has suffered a very great loss.

Mrs. Saxon and Mrs. Harris were citizens vitally interested in the literary and cultural welfare of the people of Oconee County. Because of their interest in this particular undertaking, they were well fitted to serve as faithful and efficient members of this Board.

Betty Saxon and Martha Harris had many interests: in their families, in their churches, and in civic affairs, yet they gave generously of their talents in behalf of the Oconee County Library Board. Mrs. Saxon had been a member of the Library Board for over 35 years and served since 1971 as Secretary, the position she held at her death. Mrs. Harris became a member of the Board in 1956 and was a very active member of the Board.

Both Mrs. Saxon and Mrs. Harris wholeheartedly supported and worked for the new Oconee County Library building, and the plaque on the new building bears their names, along with the other Library Board members, as a tribute to their service.

It is our sincere wish that their loved ones be aware that we, along with them, will miss them in the years to come.

BE IT RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be inscribed in our minutes as a memorial in their memory; and let a copy be sent to their husbands and families.

Respectfully submitted,

*Mrs. J. Swanton Ivy, Jr.*

Mrs. J. Swanton Ivy, Jr., Chairman

Mrs. Major Rice, Secretary

*Mrs. Major Rice*

There was a call meeting of the Oconee County Library on February 27, 1976, at 10:00 a.m. at the Courthouse. The following members were present: Mrs. McLeroy, Mrs. Rice, Mrs. Oaks, Mrs. Downs, Mrs. Ivy, Miss Manet, Mrs. Hammond and Mr. Sanders.

The meeting was called to consider the bids on the paving and landscaping. Paving bids were considered from the following paving companies: Sloan, Sims, Logan and Garrett. The Board voted to award the contract to the lowest bidder, R.H. Garrett Paving Company, \$3,360.00. Landscaping bids received from Classic (\$1,200), Porterfield (\$1,250), and A.T. (\$1,050) were all above the amount of money left in the budget for landscaping. The Oconee County 4-H Club offered to do the landscaping with the aid of the Extension Office if the Library Board would pay the cost of the plants and supplies. After discussion, the Board voted to accept the offer of the 4-H Club with appreciation for their cooperation.

The plans for the Ribbon-cutting on April 19 and the Open House on May 23 were discussed.

It was voted to sponsor the Oconee County Fall Festival in October, 1976, to raise the funds needed.

The meeting was adjourned to the new library for a tour through the library for the Board and all workers.

The Oconee County Library Board met on April 19, 1976, at 9:30 a.m. at the new Oconee County Library. Mrs. J.S. Ivy, Jr., Chairman, welcomed the three new members, Gwen Hansford, Faye Grayson, and Virginia Wells, and the other members present. Mrs. Ivy thanked Ms. Julie Daniel, the art teacher at the Oconee Elementary School, for planning the art exhibit for today.

The chair thanked the Oconee 4-H Clubs under the leadership of Pauline Rice and John Brannon for doing an excellent job on landscaping the grounds. At our two festivals the 4-H Clubs have raised \$658.11 for the Library. In appreciation for the support of the Library shown by the 4-H Clubs, the Board voted to add the 4-H Club to the \$1,000.00 contributor's plaque.

Mrs. Ivy urged members of the Board to join the Georgia Trustees Association.

Mrs. Ames reported that the circulation has increased at the Bogart Library. The book drop box from Watkinsville has been painted and is now being used in Bogart.

Miss Manet discussed the hours of the new Library. The Board voted to operate the library 32½ hours each week: closed Monday and Saturday; Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 10:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Thursday, 1:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.; Sunday, 2:00-5:00 p.m. The hours were approved pending the approval of Mrs. Brown, librarian.

Mrs. Ivy thanked Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Ames and the volunteers who moved the books! Mrs. Ivy asked for suggestions for the program on May 23. The Board paid a special tribute to Miss Manet, Library Director, on her retirement. Members were urged to attend the dinner in Miss Manet's honor.

There was a discussion of the salary schedule for Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Burgess (Bogart). Miss Manet announced that Mrs. Brown would be on Teacher Retirement (over 19 hours), while Mrs. Burgess would remain on FICA.

The meeting was recessed to attend the Ribbon-cutting at 10:15 a.m. After the Ribbon-cutting the members of the Library Board were joined by the members of the Oconee County Library Committee. Plans were made for the Open House on May 23 from 2-5:00 p.m. with the Dedication at 3:00 p.m.

Plans were made to sponsor the Festival on October 9, 1976, to raise money.

Mrs. Ivy appointed Mrs. Jean Holcomb, chairman, Mrs. Wells, Mrs. Bowers, Mrs. Marshall, and Mrs. Dawson to serve as the Steering Committee for the formation of the "Friends of the Oconee Library."

The meeting was adjourned and the new library is officially open for business.

The Oconee County Library Board met on July 19, 1976, at 10:00 a.m. at the Oconee County Library. Mrs. Ivy presided and welcomed all present, especially our new library director, Miss Roxanna Austin.

The treasurer, Mr. Bowers, is out-of-town but sent the following report:

Cookbook Account	\$ 808.09
Map Account	678.51
Festival Account	894.90
Library Fund Account	785.12
Building Account	-0-
	<hr/> \$3,233.62

The attached sheet for the budget figures.

Mrs. Ivy thanked all who helped with the successful Open House and Dedication on May 23, 1976. It was announced that the library may receive \$5,000 from Governor Busbee. The Festival on October 9 was discussed.

Mrs. Ivy said that the Regional had not received the 1975-76 Appropriation from the City of Watkinsville.

Mrs. Ames gave reports from the two libraries about the circulation and the Reading Club, and discussed the rules for the use of Library and the meeting room and fines.

Under new business, Mrs. Ivy announced with regret the resignation of Mrs. Downs and Mrs. Oaks. The Board voted to make them Honorary Members of the Library Board in recognition of their long and devoted service to the Library as former chairmen. Nominees for their unexpired terms were discussed. Mrs. Ivy was instructed to submit the names of Betty Dawson and Joyce Hardigree to the Commissioners.

The need for pest control in the new Library was discussed.

A Bicentennial grant for the Library was discussed, and Mrs. Ivy was asked to investigate. Mrs. McLeroy was thanked for holding an Open House in the Bogart Library on May 1, 1976. The Friends of the Library Steering Committee was announced.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The Oconee County Library Board met on October 18, 1976, at 10:00 a.m. at the Oconee County Library. Mrs. Ivy presided and welcomed members present. Due to Mrs. Saxon's illness, we are updating the minute book. By common consent, the Chair was given permission to buy a new minutebook.

The treasurer's report is as follows:

Map Account	\$ 790.51
Cookbook Account	1,093.09
Festival Account	5,614.41
Library Fund	<u>1,128.31</u>

Under old business, it was reported that the Oconee Bicentennial Festival on October 9 had at this point made a profit of \$4,618.71 with several items unreported. Mrs. Ivy thanked all for their excellent help. Mrs. Ivy reported that Mrs. Mobley had resigned, and the Commissioners had appointed Mrs. Jan Thurmond to the Board.

It was reported that the Library had received two grants: (1) Governor Busbee's gift of \$5,000.00 and (2) Bicentennial Grant of \$1,000.00 for Georgia Collection.

Mrs. Holcomb reported on the progress of the Steering Committee for the formation of the Friends of the Oconee Library. Mrs. Ivy thanked the Committee for their hard work and urged the Board to support the Friends.

Mrs. Betty Dawson reported that the American Pest Control had volunteered to do the monthly pest control spraying of the Library as a gift. The Board gratefully accepted this offer and thanked Mrs. Dawson and the American Pest Control Company.

Under new business, Miss Austin and Mrs. Ames gave reports on the operation of the two libraries. They reported everything running smoothly and that the architect, Mr. Sheffer, had recently made a six-month inspection of the Library.

It was announced that the lawn was re-seeded and would be treated to kill weeds.

Mrs. Ivy thanked Mrs. Lizzie Jewell who gave the Library \$159.15 from the sale of used clothes. She has previously given \$225.00.

There will be a reception for Miss Austin on October 24 from 3-6:00 p.m. in Athens. The Library is planning a Christmas Workshop on December 1, 1976. Our next Board meeting will be January 17, 1977.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.